

Minority Rights, Reconciliation and Bottom-up Peacebuilding in the South Caucasus

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16:00-18:00
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Opening remarks

Mr Csaba Sógor, Member of the European Parliament

Mr Marino Busdachin, UNPO General Secretary
(The situation of minorities in the South Caucasus)

Panel I: The South Caucasus: A Situational Overview

Moderator: Mr. Csaba Sógor MEP

- Setting the scene: An overview of conflicts and recent developments in the South Caucasus
Mr. Lawrence Sheets, Caucasus Project Director at International Crisis Group
- Minority languages and linguistic rights in the South Caucasus
Prof. Garnik Astatryan, Yerevan State University, Director of the Caucasian Center for Iranian Studies
- Peacebuilding from a minority perspective
Ms. Fargiya Kerimova, Lawyer, Minority Representative, London

Q&A

Panel II: Ways Forward for Peaceful Coexistence in the South Caucasus

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- Rethinking conflict in the South Caucasus: Learning from the Flemish case?
Dr. Dirk Rohtus, Professor at KU Leuven
- Strengthening minority rights = strengthening peace and democracy?
Mr. Alikram Hummatov, President of the National Talysh Movement
- Peacebuilding from below – the effectiveness of civil society efforts
Ms. Janna Krikorova, Rector at Stepanakert State University (TBC)
- The EU's role in the South Caucasus
MEP (TBC)

Q&A

Closing remarks

Mr. Marino Busdachin, UNPO General Secretary